GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Protection of rare species of Birds
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme/proposal to launch any scheme to protect rare species of birds in consultation with the State Governments in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard including the quantum of funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a),(b)&(c) No specific scheme has been launched by the Ministry for protection of rare species of birds in the country. However, a specific component of "Recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats' is provided in the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' for focused conservation action on 16 identified critically endangered species including bustards, Edible-nest Swiftlet , Nicobar megapode, Jerdon's Courser and vultures. Following are the range states for each of these species.

Bustards Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh.
Edible-nest Swiftlet Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
Nicobar megapode Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
Jerdon's Courser Andhra Pradesh
Vultures All states

The component is a part of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. Funds are released based on the Annual Plans of Operation (APOs) submitted by the States. Details of funds released for the recovery programmes of the bird species during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the species	Year		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Edible-nest Swiftlet	17.54	13.79	-
Jerdon's Courser	-	-	63.31

No Plans have been received from the range states during the current financial year, 2015-16 under this component.